

Readings next Sunday, Trinity 6

Genesis 18: 20-32, Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19), Luke 11: 1-13

Diary

Feast of St Anne – There will be a short evensong service on **Thursday 25 July, 6.30pm** at St Anne & St Agnes, all those attending are invited back to The Rectory for a summer drinks & nibbles reception.

3rd August 1pm Holy Matrimony Richard&Kate

4th August 9.45am Parish Breakfast

St Mary Magdalene

Feast Day 22 July



One of the followers of Christ, Mary Magdalene has been identified as the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with a precious oil. She was the first person to see the Risen Christ. On Easter Day she was weeping near the empty tomb when she saw a man who she thought was a gardener. He asked her why she was weeping. She replied: "Sir if you have carried him away tell me where to and I will come and take him." The man was Jesus. He told her to go and tell the others what she had seen. There are many apocryphal legends about Mary. In France it said that she evangelised Provence with her sister Martha and brother Lazarus. Hundreds of churches across Europe are dedicated to her.

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21st July, St Mary Magdalene

Celebrant: Bishop Stephen Platten

Setting: Parish mass -Alcoat

Hymn: 473 When morning gilds the skies Omit *

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Song of Solomon 3.1-4

Upon my bed at night, I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer.
'I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves. 'I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me, as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Psalm 42

R: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God? **R**

My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'
These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival. **R**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God. **R**

2 Corinthians 5.14-17

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

John 20.1-2, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him. 'When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rachel Harrington, Austin Platten, Hannah Rae, Billy Cockcroft, Jean Kennedy, Shirley Goldthorpe, Tracey Llewellyn, Alison Hird

Those who have died recently especially: David Berry, Maggie Beauchamp

Offertory hymn: 431 O Thou Who Camest From Above

Anthem: O Lord whose mercies numberless - Handel

Thanksgiving hymn: 477 Ye That know the Lord is gracious